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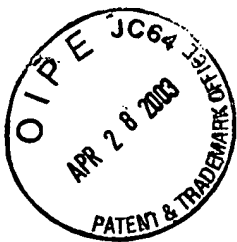
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Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants submit the present remarks in response to the Office Communication of April 8, 2003, which asserts that the reply filed on January 22, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of matters concerning the drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that the response filed on January 17, 2003 (and received by the USPTO on January 22, 2003) was a response to a restriction requirement, and thus no corrections to the drawings were presented at that time. However, a previous response to the first Office Action in this case was filed on October 15, 2002 and thus Applicants are assuming that this is the response to which the Examiner is referring.

In the 10/15/02 Office Action response, Applicants submitted a modified Figure 2 to more clearly indicate the bi-polar current collector with reference number 29. Another simultaneous modification to Figure 2 was also made at that time to more consistently depict the electrode plates 28 illustrated in Figure 2. It is clear that the electrode plates 28 in each assembly 100 of Figure 2 are depicted in a generally flush relationship with their respective perforated isolating frames 20. This is considered by Applicants to be a generally appropriate representation since the electrode plates 28 may be formed by placing a paste 26 within the openings 22 of isolating frames 20, such as represented in Figure 1 of the subject application. The electrode plate 28 of the bipolar assembly 200 in Figure 2 is formed in a similar manner. However, the original Figure 2 appeared to depict its electrode plate 28 in a more three-dimensional representation as compared with the electrode plates 28 of assemblies 100. As such, the electrode plate 28 of bipolar assembly 200 was slightly modified to maintain a consistent depiction in Figure 2 of the respective electrode plates 28. This modification was intended to be represented by way of the two small red crosses and red dot referred to in the 4/08/03 Office Communication. A closer comparison of original Figure 2 and the revised Figure 2 submitted in Applicants' 10/15/02 response should more clearly illustrate this difference as presently clarified.

In light of the presently submitted remarks, Applicants respectfully request action on the merits of elected claims 1-40 of the subject application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his convenience should he have any questions regarding this matter or to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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